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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: PD-6

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AID-TO-CITIES
GRAND AVENUE FROM STATE ROUTES 57/60 TO
1,600 FEET EAST OF GOLDEN SPRINGS DRIVE
CITY OF DIAMOND BAR
RESOLUTION NO. 3898
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), consider the Finding of Exemption for the Grand Avenue from State Routes (SR) 57/60 to 1,600 feet east of Golden Springs Drive project made by the City of Diamond Bar, concur that the project is exempt from CEQA, and find that these actions reflect the independent judgment of the County.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the rehabilitation of pavement, installation and modification of signal timing synchronization, striping, drainage improvements, and other streetscape improvements to facilitate traffic flow on Grand Avenue from SR 57/60 to 1,600 feet east of Golden Springs Drive within the City of Diamond Bar are of general County interest and providing that County aid shall be extended in the amount of \$69,047 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Diamond Bar requested payment of \$69,047 in Aid-To-Cities (ATC) funds previously allocated to the City for a beautification project on Grand Avenue from SR 57/60 to 1,600 feet east of Golden Springs Drive. The proposed improvements consist of rehabilitation of pavement, installation and modification of signal timing synchronization, striping, drainage improvements, and other streetscape improvements to facilitate traffic flow on Grand Avenue from SR 57/60 to 1,600 feet east of Golden Springs Drive within the City of Diamond Bar. Section 1680 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor. County aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment, and materials, or a direct payment to the City.

The County's ATC program was formally initiated by the Board of Supervisors in the 1940s and provided for the County to allocate a portion of its State gasoline tax funds to cities in Los Angeles County on a formula basis. In 1990, the Board revised the policy for the 1989-90 ATC Fund allocations. This policy provides that all 1989-90 ATC monies be utilized for the following purposes:

- (1) Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects.
- (2) Transportation Systems Management and Congestion Management projects that improve regional traffic mobility.
- (3) Design, acquisition of right of way, and construction of city streets on the County's Highway Plan, which are of general County interest and regional significance, providing that the regional priorities in 1 and 2 are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 1990-91, annual ATC allocations were discontinued. However, some cities have yet to claim the ATC funds allocated to them in the preceding years.

We have reviewed the proposed project and have determined that it meets all criteria for use of 1989-90 ATC funds. The requested amount of \$69,047 represents all of the money remaining to the credit of the City in its County ATC allocation for 1989-90 and prior fiscal years.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides the City of Diamond Bar with County assistance in the improvements to its streets for the benefit of the motoring public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,500,000 of which the County will finance \$69,047. The anticipated County's expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually in the Road Fund Budget administered by Public Works. The necessary funds to finance this request are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 8, 2004, as Planning Resolution No. 2004-19, the City of Diamond Bar made a finding that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Under CEQA, the County is a responsible agency whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order to carry out the project. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1, of the State CEQA guidelines. The first recommended findings is in accordance with CEQA and is required prior to your Board's approval of the Resolution.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

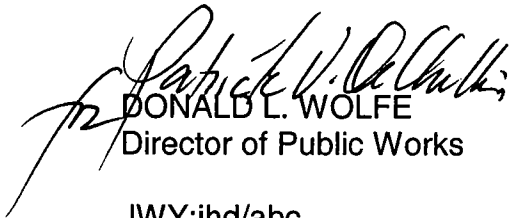
As the anticipated expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually, there will be no impact on current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please return one adopted copy of this letter and Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 3898

IT IS RESOLVED that the rehabilitation of pavement, installation and modification of signal timing synchronization, striping, drainage improvements and other streetscape improvements to facilitate traffic flow on Grand Avenue from State Routes 57/60 to 1,600 feet east of Golden Springs Drive within the City of Diamond Bar are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the State Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$69,047, from the Road Fund for this purpose and that this amount shall be paid to the City of Diamond Bar for said purpose upon written request to the Director of Public Works when work is about to be started and when money is available in the County Treasury;

Provided, however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund, and provided also that, immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works, showing the application of this money for the work performed, and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND J. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy